

# **BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**March 11, 2013**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:45 am on the above date in the Conference Room 401 of the Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.**

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Michelle Cahill-Secretary**

**Linda Damon**

**Peggy Matteson-President**

**Marie Jean**

**Maria Pezzillo**

**Manuela Raposo**

**Anne Tierney**

**Linda Twardowski**

**Kristen Young**

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**David Becker**

**Jessica Brier**  
**Diane Blier**  
**Carol Cairns**  
**Adele Palazzo**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Lori Keough**  
**Linda TetuMouradjian**  
**Jennifer Sternick**

**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

**President Matteson, called the meeting to order at 8:55 am. A quorum was established.**

**2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF January 14, 2013**

**Motion to accept the meeting minutes as written A. Tierney second by L.Damon**

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**President Matteson attended the Meeting with the Directors of Non-profit Nursing Homes: Leading Age RI and they were very interested in understanding the regulations and will utilize the NCSBN CE module (see Director's report below).**

#### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Process of developing on-line CE re: RI Rules and Regulations update**

**Motion by M. Cahill and second L. Damon voted unanimously to approve the module through the NCSBN. L.Keough will advise the NCSBN about the decision and will let the board know when this is available.**

#### **Nursing License Application for New Grads- UPDATED**

**There is a revised application for licensure for new grads initial licensure to streamline the process for application, this is on the website and the state nursing programs have been notified about the changes. Please inform applicants to not use the old application.**

#### **NCSBN Midyear Meeting- March 11-13**

**D. Becker and J.Brier are at the midyear meeting and will update us next month on the content. There are web based videos that can be streamed online, L.Keough sent the link out last week but can resend it to interested parties.**

#### **BON Office Staffing**

**The BON has lost a valuable staff member, A. Tack, paralegal who was instrumental in moving the work of the Board forward in the role of a paralegal. L.Keough stated there is a significant lack of**

resources in the department and it is currently she and one other member facilitating the work of the Board with one other licensing all six nursing license types. There will be a replacement, however, this will be a temporary employee who will need several months of training and interviews have not begun. This is concerning given the caliber of work is high and the skill set of available candidates will not and a permanent replacement will not be made.

### **Legislative Update**

L.Keough discussed several regulations pertinent to health care and nursing in the state. She has several bills in text including those that influence the way the Board of Nursing does hearings, advanced practice and midwifery. L.Keough suggested the text of the now public bills be sent out to the Board members so we can discuss at the next Board meeting. Bill number H-5763 will be sent out to the members for review and will be discussed at the April meeting.

### **January 15- NCSBN Visit**

NCSBN representative J. Puente and mentor, S.Tedford from Arkansas, are coming to orient the new director to some of the responsibilities associated with NCSBN specific to licensure compact. This was informative and helpful in understanding compact regulation.

## **5. BUSINESS**

**Board Approved Providers-** LOI An LOI has been developed to

**increase the number of providers for our discipline alternative program.**

**Board Visit to Dr. Sviokla's office (Jen Sternick)**

**At 1 PM after the next (April) meeting Board meeting, we will visit Dr. Sviokla's office to to increase the Board member's understanding of hte alternative dsiciplinary program. J. Sternick will make arrangements.**

**Increase in enrollment for NEW ENGLAND Tech (D. Delprato)**

**D. Delprato stated that over the next 1.5 years, the plan is to increase enrollment of the RN program from 175 to 335. A robust discussion ensued regarding the current employment environment and employment of RNs with Associate Degrees (AD). D. Delprato will forward the major change plan that she submits to their accrediting body (NLN) to the Board.**

**Board complaint process (D. Policastro)**

**S. Webber represented the Rhode Island State Nurses Association (RISNA)as D. Policastro was traveling on business. She read a letter expressing concerns about the role of the Advanced Practice Advisory Council's role on the adjudication process.**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board Appointment: Adele Pallazo, PCNS (Will attend April meeting) fills the PCNS membership.**

**Marla Riley- SNARI- she discussed her role as a SNARI president and discussed her work with RISNA and her role at St. Joes School of Nursing.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION motion by L. Damon second by M. Pezzillo to move to executive session at 10:00**

**8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF HEARING FINAL ACTIONS VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4, 42-46-5 AND 42-46-7 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS at 2:10 PM..**

**9. The following orders were ratified by the Board:**

**C11-112, C12-857, C12-047, C12-838, C12-662, C12-845, RN 10-039, C12-106, C12-917**

**10. ADJOURNMENT 230 PM**